

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 869

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the staff and administration of LeBonheur Children's Medical Center upon the grand opening of its new pediatric facility.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to recognize those outstanding medical facilities that seek to improve the quality of life of the children of the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy hospital is LeBonheur Children's Medical Center in Memphis, which will celebrate the grand opening of their new 12-story, 255-bed, state-of-the-art pediatric facility on June 15, 2010; and

WHEREAS, Le Bonheur Children's Medical Center is the first and only comprehensive children's hospital in Memphis, treating more than 130,000 children from throughout the United States and the world each year; and

WHEREAS, since opening its doors in 1952, Le Bonheur Children's Medical Center has been a leader in pediatric clinical care and research, and is the region's premier teaching hospital for future pediatricians, pediatric surgical specialists, and clinicians; and

WHEREAS, Le Bonheur's partnerships with the University of Tennessee Health Science Center and St. Jude Children's Research Hospital have helped to build a strong reputation for both teaching and discovery; and

WHEREAS, the newly-constructed \$340 million, 610,000-square-foot hospital facility will significantly increase Le Bonheur's capacity for patient care, research, and teaching; and

WHEREAS, for Le Bonheur patients and their families, the new hospital will offer spacious, private rooms designed with children in mind, featuring bright, open areas for play and a parent resource center for education and respite; and

WHEREAS, in addition, all patient rooms will be private and are designed to provide comfortable sleeping space for two parents; and

WHEREAS, for Le Bonheur staff, the new, state-of-the-art facility will allow caregivers to deliver the very best care to every patient; and

WHEREAS, Le Bonheur's mission is to care for all children, regardless of ability to pay, whether the children are from the local community or from elsewhere in the world; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly is proud to specially honor Le Bonheur Children's Medical Center, an outstanding organization that daily exemplifies its commitment to the noble precepts of public service; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby congratulate the staff and administration of Le Bonheur Children's Medical Center upon the grand opening of their new pediatric facility on June 15, 2010, thank them for their many contributions to this great State, and wish them every success in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.